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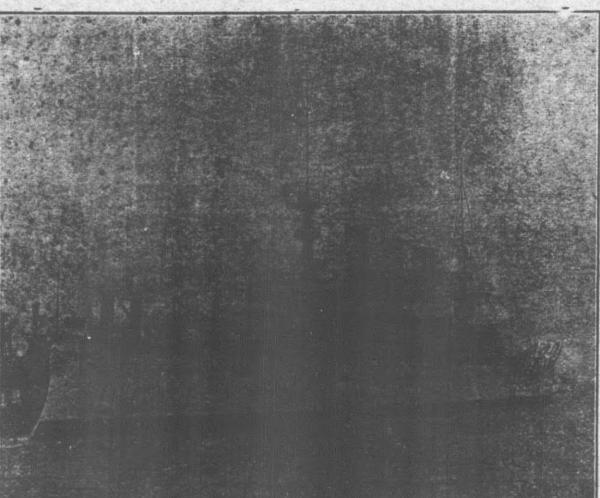
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NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN,

Middletown, Del., Dec. 24th, 1909.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 1st, 1910.

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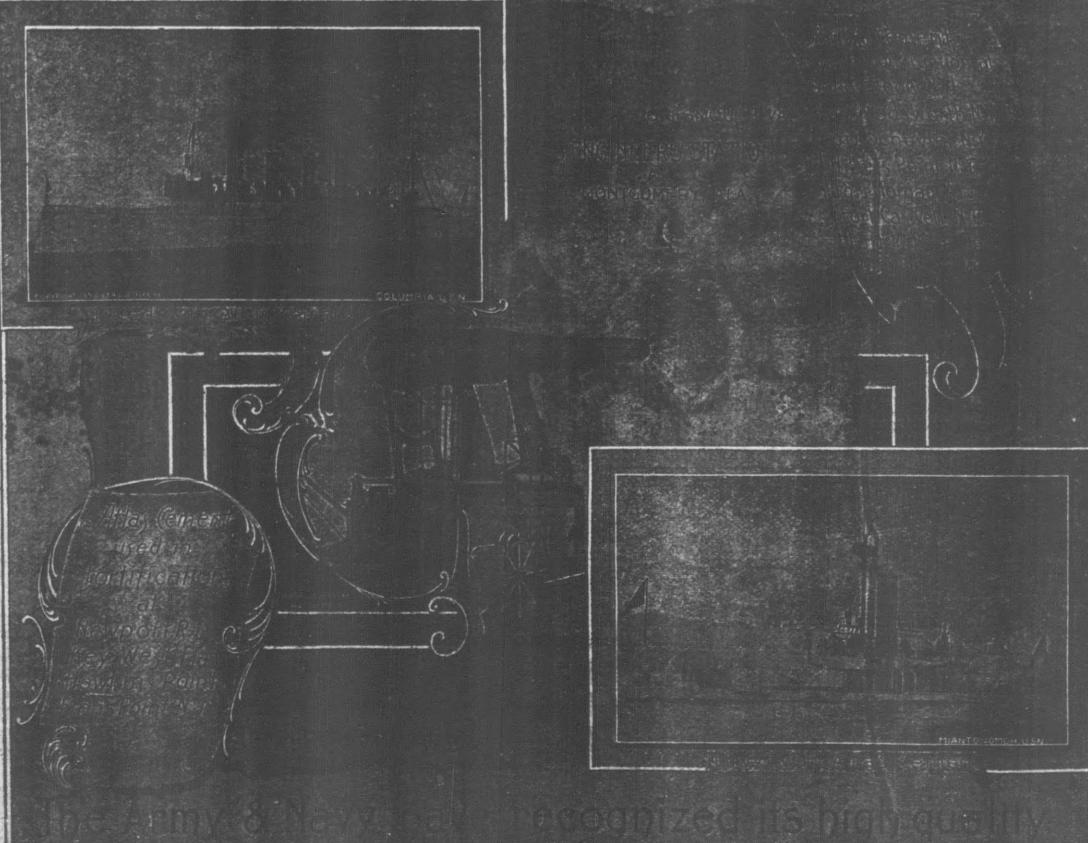
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ICELAND'S WATERFALLS

According to a London engineering publication a company has been recently formed to develop the waterfalls of Iceland, which represent a great power now going to waste. On account of this power and the great mineral resources of the country, Iceland seems to be a particularly favorable spot for many electrical industries.

The Skjalfandi River Falls comprise the Goda Falls, with 39,200 horsepower; the Aldeyjar Falls, with 38,500 horsepower; the Barma Falls, with 17,000 horsepower. The Laxau River Falls would produce 30,000 horsepower, the Sog Falls 50,000 to 70,000 horsepower, and the Gudfoss Falls, 100,000 horsepower.

Preserving Flour

A new method of preserving flour has recently been adopted with success in England. It is done by means of compression. With hydraulic apparatus the flour is squeezed into the forms of bricks, and the pressure destroys all forms of larval life, thus preserving the flour from the ravages of insects, while it is equally secure from mold. Three hundred pounds of compressed flour occupy the same space as 100 pounds in the ordinary state.

Safe Fourth of July

An ordinance to prohibit the manufacture or sale of fireworks within the city limits has been introduced in the City Council of Camden, N. J. Should it be enacted there would be a strong probability of at least one in the country enjoying the novelty of a "safe and sane Fourth of July" this year.

Lost Forests

In New York State, during the past season 11,967 acres of forest lands burned by fire and the loss was only \$25,101, as against 177,000 acres burned last year and a loss of \$64,000.

Fine Carving

An Italian jeweler has carved a single pearl into the shape of a boat, which has a sail of beaten gold.

A New Metal

After compressing processes, such as rolling or drawing, the tensile strength is raised to 35 kilograms to the square millimeter and the ductility to 16 per cent, without any notable increase in its specific gravity. The new metal is silver white in color and leads itself to a brilliant polish.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5, 1910. The greatest anxiety prevails among thinking men in the administration, including the leaders of Congress, regarding the forthcoming decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the American Tobacco Company.

If the decision of the lower court is sustained it will mean the appointment of a receiver for the tobacco trust. The directors of this great corporation will be discharged from further responsibility and a receiver will assume charge of its affairs, not for the purpose of administering them in the interest of stockholders, but for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the company of disposing of its assets, presumably to the highest bidder and of casting off the financial shackles of the tobacco trust. This will inevitably result in fearful loss to those who own the securities of the organization. Moreover, the affirmation by the court of last resort of the principle involved will leave the administration no alternative but immediately to institute suits against practically every concern which has been constructed on similar lines. One does not need to be a pessimist to see a condition bordering on industrial chaos as a result of the disintegration of the chief corporations of the country. But if they are found to exist in violation of the law they must come down and it is President Taft's belief that it is far better to see some chaotic conditions for a short time than to allow the illegal corporations to obtain a grasp upon the country which might never be broken off.

Lost Forests

There is no likelihood that the administration's federal incorporation measure will receive favorable action by either House of Congress at this session. There has been some reluctance on the part of the leaders to admit this fact but they have finally concluded that there is no good end to be served by concealing it. Two factors contribute to this situation. First it would be impossible to adopt legislation of such far-reaching importance in the face of determined opposition of the minority. It would be talked to death in the Senate even were it possible under whip and spur to obtain a majority for it in the House. In the second place there is grave question regarding the political expediency of such legislation. Democratic administrations regarded the Sherman law as a dead letter and finally fell to a Republican administration; the law came under the direction of Philip A. Knox, the then Attorney-general and he recusitated it and secured for it such judicial interpretation as gave it force. Since the decision in the Northern Securities case Republican administrations have been seeking assiduously to enforce the statute. The wisdom of seeking now, at a time when the end sought seems about to be attained, to mitigate its effects is seriously questioned, especially in view of the present temper of the people. Were the only sufferers those managers of great combinations who have brought them into being there would be no hesitation whatever about permitting them to take the consequences of their own lawlessness, but the anxiety that is felt due to a vast number of innocent people whom it would be impossible to save from punishment intended for a few.

A New Metal

Whether for family use, for parties, weddings or banquets we can supply all orders with satisfaction in every way. No order is too small or too large. Cream packed in bulk or in bricks—as you wish it. All the standard flavors.

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NEW YORK FASHIONS

NEW YORK—The pretty fabrics and hats and summer gowns shown at all the shops, make a woman realize that it won't be long now until spring is here and every one is planning for new clothes.

Drapery Style Continued

One can have dress lengths, of new cottons, toulards or other flexible materials made up after any of the pretty, ankle, or knee, draped skirt models, and be assured that these will continue good style until autumn at least. Modified princess and Moyenage types are coming in, the kimono waist with sleeves cut in one with the bodice are revived in Paris models as are also the short plain skirts of two seasons back.

Bustine Coats and Suits

The Russian blouse coat is the leading type in suits for Spring and Summer wear, though there are many others, rather more closely fitted than those now worn, and short for the most part. Skirts have yokes and pleatings in various forms, though our old short plain skirts are seen on the very latest arrivals from Paris.

Top Coats and Costumes

For top or extra coats, the coat-suit is presented in topically pretty designs and promises to be more popular than it was last autumn. These take the place of a dress or cover one, and are both smart and practical. The Russian models are quite good for extra coats of silk, or cloth, and for run about wear long loose models of cheviots or plaids have collars of burnt orange, saffron or Lincoln green. Rough silks and mohairs of the same character will follow these.

Market Gardening

This interesting subject was discussed by James T. Shalcross, Jr.

At recent meeting of the Pequins Horticultural Society held at Centerville, Md., Mr. James T. Shalcross Jr., one of our progressive and up-to-date young farmers, made the following interesting address:

The first thing that I shall mention under this subject is pure seed. I know of no other one evil that has caused more discouragement and failures than adulterated seeds. For instance, you may buy a quantity of seeds that look alike but when you come to harvest them you find you have at least six different varieties, besides a liberal quantity of weed seeds.

A purchase of seeds should buy from a reputable seedman and always beware of cheap seeds, they may be very dear in the end. Good seeds are cheap at any price. In purchasing asparagus seeds or crows the planter should use the greatest possible care, as mistakes in these would mean trouble for the full life of the bed.

I shall mention a few crops that could be grown most profitably by the farmers of our peninsula, namely, potatoes, celery, cabbage, sweet corn, and rhubarb.

Any of the last four may follow early potatoes.

Sweet corn for the last few years has been selling ready for 75 cents to \$1.25 per hundred in our nearby markets.

When we consider that we can raise 8,000 ears at 75 cents per hundred, it would equal \$600 per acre, with no extra fertilization providing the potatoes preceding were liberally fertilized. In order to follow sweet corn after potatoes the potato should be dug first. I usually make my last planting of sweet corn from July 4th to 10th.

Cabbage may follow early potatoes with good results. It requires 300 plants per acre, set 3 feet by 18 inches, and should two-thirds make heads at 2 cents per head, it would total \$130 per acre.

Celery is not extensively grown on the peninsula as it could or should be.

Celery set in rows 3½ feet wide and 6 inches apart in the field would require 25,200 plants per acre, and at the very low rate of 1 cent per crown, it would equal \$252. I have sold it for 6 cents a crown.

I, personally, know a trucker who plants 20 to 30 miles of celery yearly with very pleasing results.

Rhubarb is in a favorable season make a good showing. In 1908 I harvested 1200 truck baskets of them, from 2 acres that had produced 400 bushels of potatoes that same year.

The potato was probably introduced into Virginia and North Carolina between the middle and last of the 16th century, and is now the most universally used of any known vegetable. The city of Philadelphia consumes daily 50,000 bushels and in the course of a year it consumes 18,250,000 bushels, and why should we, the farmers on this peninsula, let the Maine potato grower supply the greater part of this 18,000,000 bushels? They can raise no more, no better, no cheaper potato than we can provide, we go at it like they do. I cannot imagine a more pleasant or instructive trip than through Maine during the potato growing season.

On 1 acre one year I raised 400 bushels of fine potatoes. In 1909 I had 10 acres averaging 175 bushels per acre. In 1909 13 acres averaging 175 bushels per acre.

The first thing to consider when getting ready to plant potatoes is the seed. No matter what variety you plant be sure they are true to name, otherwise part of your crop will need more attention when part of them are ready to dig. I had this very experience last year. One should decide whether he is going to plant early or late varieties. I prefer the early as they are less liable to blight—the greatest enemy the potato has.

In selecting the ground for a potato patch one should avoid bottom lands and hillsides. A good clover or pea sod and plowed seven or eight inches deep, and well worked to the bottom of the furrow, makes an ideal place to plant potatoes.

Spring plowed ground warms up better and the potatoes seem to start sooner than on fall plowed land.

A sharp drag harrow or weeder is a good thing to run over a patch until the plants are a couple of inches high. Some authorities say use a weeder cross-wise until the potatoes are 5 or 10 inches high.

The first and second cultivation should be moderately deep, then continue a shallow cultivation until the growth of the vines make it impracticable.

I use the Iron Age planter, making the rows 30 inches wide and dropping pieces 14 inches apart in the rows, using 5 barrels per acre.

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Male Close as Follows.
Going North—20 a. m., 10:05 a.m., 4:05 p.m.
6:00 p.m. and 6 p. m.
Going South—8:00 a.m., 11:15 a. m., and 2 p.m.
For Odessa—7:50 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m.,
4:30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earville 8:30 a. m., and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 18, 1910

Local News

Forty days.
Lent began Wednesday.
Plenty of valentines on sale.
Nearly time for Robin Redbreast.
To-day being Lincoln's birthday, the local banks will be closed.
Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.
I pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of Fur. W. C. Jones.

The thermometer dropped to zero Sunday night—the coldest weather of the Winter.
H. T. Wallace of Wilmington, has been elected president of the Delaware Horse Show Association.

All kinds of fresh and salt Meats, Sausage, Scrapple and Lard constantly on hand. W. C. Jones.

Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of Poultry and Eggs. W. C. Jones.

FOR RENT—stable on West Main street, opposite National Hotel. Possession March 25th. G. E. HUKILL.

To-day being a legal holiday the post office will close at 10 o'clock and open at 5 p. m. and will close again at 6 p. m. for the day.

Rev. F. H. Moore will deliver a lecture before the New Century Club next Tuesday afternoon. His subject will be "Holaland and the Hollanders."

February 14th will be St. Valentine's Day, and in preparation for the occasion the store windows are exhibiting many new and novel valentines.

The old stone schoolhouse near Newark, known as the Welsh Tract school, was destroyed by fire Sunday. The pupils are attending school in Newark.

Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will convene in Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Md., April 6th.

The ladies of Summit Bridge M. E. Church will hold a Box Social at Mr. James Sartin's, near Mt. Pleasant, on Tuesday evening, February 15th. All invited.

Have your Live Stock Insured against death from any cause, in the Indiana & Ohio Live Stock Insurance Co. For rates write to John J. Tufts, Agent, Middletown, Delaware.

Finding his cow milked dry for several mornings in succession, Leroy Reynolds, of Rising Sun, Md., hid in the barn to catch the thief, only to find the culprit was his pig.—Ex.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held next Monday evening at half past seven at the home of the president, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter.

The 18th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will be held in Workman Hall, No. 902 Washington Street, Wilmington, on March 8th.

The ladies of Summit Bridge M. E. Church will hold a Sock Social at Mr. W. T. Golt's on Wednesday evening, February 16th, or if stormy the next fair evening. All are invited.

"From the silk mills direct to you." An examination of Royal Silks will prove to you that our prices are very much lower than those of department or dry goods stores. See samples.

MISSES SPURGEON.

After October first, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 3:30 to 5; Fridays, 7 to 8:30; Saturdays, 3 to 5. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30, for school children exclusively.

WANTED—To contract with practical farmer on main line of railroad to raise about twenty thousand bushels of oats. Will pay on basis of delivery at car. Send full particulars to A. F. Hall, 84 William St., N. Y. City.

The ladies of Bethel M. E. Church will hold a Poultry Supper and will furnish ice cream, etc., extra, at Mr. Reed Kirk's, near Pivot Bridge, Md., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, February 22d and 23d, or next fair evenings in case of storm. All invited.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Any subscriber of THE TRANSCRIPT failing to receive the paper regularly each week will confer a favor by notifying us at once. Your paper is mailed every Friday evening and failure to get it may be due to fault in the address. Unless you complain we will not know that you have cause for complaint.

Constantly held, all sizes of the Best Veins and best prepared Hard Coal, for Heaters, Ranges and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also Cord Wood saved to stove length, \$2.00 for cordwood. If you have not been using our coal, try it and be happy. G. E. HUKILL.

If you take a live interest in your community, a good way to manifest that fact is to send to your county paper any item of local interest that might transpire thereabout; or if the paper had a local correspondent in your neighborhood, communicate the intelligence to him. THE TRANSCRIPT is always glad to receive news from its readers, and if more persons could be made to realize this fact, the paper would be more interesting.

At a meeting of Peach Blossom Grange No. 3, P. H., held on the afternoon of the 4th, the following officers were installed: Master, Fred Brady; Overseer, J. A. Cleaver; Steward, George W. Merritt; Assistant Steward, Fred P. Williams; Treasurer, William Price; Secretary, John Pier; Gate Keeper, George H. Kohl. Mr. L. Scott Townsend assisted by Mr. George Madill, both of the Security Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Wilmington, acted as installing officers, and were sorry that the rest of the officers could not be present so as to have installed them all at once. Peach Blossom Grange expects to hold a special meeting in the very near future at which a large class of new members will be initiated.

The Epworth League of Zion M. E. Church, Cecilton, Md., will hold a Dime Social on the evening of St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blackway. Ice cream for sale. It stormy next evening.

According to information from Washington, Smyrna will be the next place in Delaware to be provided with a Federal building for postoffice purposes, though there is a probability of New Castle having its wishes gratified in the matter at the same time.

Citizens here, as everywhere in the United States, are buying meat sparingly or not at all, on account of the present high prices. But the most provoking shing of all is the fact that American meats are selling in Europe at lower prices than they do at home.

The Board of Control of the Red Men's Fraternal Home, at Newark, has decided to formerly open the home on St. Valentine's Day, Saturday, May 7th. It was announced that the home will be ready for occupancy at that time and that there will be several companies.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 3d:

Miss Mary Denby, Mrs. Eileen Piner, Miss Mary Smallwood, Mrs. Leahis Water, Miss Helen Wilmer, Mr. Perry Fields, Mr. Bob George, Mr. James Huerd, Mr. Elie Jones, Mr. R. H. Rees.

THE TRANSCRIPT wishes to express its appreciation of "Bender's" contribution in the "Women of Middletown"—a tribute equally deserved and gracefully bestowed.

We regret that we are unable this week to notice the communication editorially—we purpose to do so in our next issue.

The man who wanted to know if it was cold enough was in evidence in Middletown Sunday and the general verdict appeared to be that it was. Numerous thermometers during the early morning hours of Monday recorded the temperature down to zero or within 2 or 3 degrees above.

As a result of extreme cold weather, outdoor work was pretty generally tied up. The plumber was frozen and burst pipes all over town.

There are events occurring in every community which, if reported in a local paper, would create a commotion little dreamed of. What to report and what not to report often perplexes the editor. He is often justly accused of cowardice and favoritism, when all the time he is looking toward the good reputation of the town where his lot is cast. The local editor from necessity almost constantly finds himself between two fires, and whichever way he turns he is sure to be unjustly treated.

Miss Leavona Davis spent several days last week with relatives in Sassafras, Md.

Miss Bertha Grullow, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Trout.

Miss Lillian Hodge, of Elwyn, Pa., was the guest of friends in town the first of the week.

Mr. Clarence Richards, of Granogue, spent several days this week with relatives here.

Mr. John B. Spicer who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is now improving.

Mrs. H. C. Browne, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvin.

Mr. John L. Byron and daughter, Miss Elsie, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. John Hunn, wife of ex-Governor John Hunn of Wyoming, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

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It was a still February afternoon in a quiet suburb. A tall, gentle-faced youth stood in a doorway, beaming benignantly at a singularly winning little girl.

"Did you see Peter? she asked. No, my dear, I don't remember ever to have seen the gentleman. His deep, pleasant voice carried a suggestion of repressed laughter. May I inquire wherefore your solicitude? To English it, why is Peter wanted?

"Oh, he's lost!"

In this bustling metropolis! Alarming! Come in, microscopic one, and talk it over.

I love to ring doorbells, she said, shyly, her big gray eyes sparkling.

Indeed? You may ring mine whenever you choose, my dear. Ring it now.

She did so, then gave a satisfied sigh and followed him into the house.

Take this rocking-chair, lady—I don't recall your name—between the fire and the window.

My name's Rinka Rinkis.

He seated himself, smiling by a book in his hand. Is Rinkarinkis your patronymic or your praenomen, minikin one?

She stared hard, then winked both eyes rapidly. He laughed silently.

I mean, what does your mamma call you?

She don't had to called me; I don't never got losted.

Ah, a responsible little maid. But as to Peter; how long has your esteemed brother—I assume he is your brother—been—lost? It seemed to pain him that he could not supply a larger word.

Much as twenty mindits.

Ah! Empires have vanished in twenty minutes (I will not at this moment specify them); but touching the absentee, why do you suppose he disappeared?

She seemed to read his meaning intuitively. He had a penny.

Ah, a clue! Foul play, I fear. But we shall undoubtedly descry his trail. Now, as to his tastes and habits; what kind of candy does—Peter happen to like best?

All day suckers; but you can't buy one wiv a penny.

Not? Cruel commercial age!

What is Peter's next ch—

Oh, dere's Peter! dere's he! Coo-eeo, Peter! He didn't heard me. She complacently resumed rocking.

I told you we had a clue.

Was it dat book?

This book? Oh, no; this seems to be Rittenhauser's advanced Psychology, volume two.

She rocked in silence. He took note of her observant eyes, her stiff, light-brown hair, which rose and fell, and the soles of her little shoes, which advanced and retreated. Presently she said, My mamma says you cook yourself, and you eat yourself!

Now that is startling information; an auto-cannibal, it seems. Fair guest, you have reminded me by an instantaneous thought-process, the scientific term for which has escaped my memory, that I am hungry. Can I persuade you to remain while I proceed to cook myself? Let me put your pretty cap on this table, and the jacket, too. There, be happy while I work.

Did you had no mamma? she asked incredulously.

Oh, yes.

W're is she? suspiciously. In Wisconsin, my dear.

Wat she doin' dere? severely. Taking care of my papa.

Is your papa sick? solicitously. Oh, no; my papa's a doctor; it wouldn't do for him to get sick.

Cause den everybody'd die! cheerfully.

Nearly everybody; all but the other doctors or so.

No! she cried, delightedly, expanding her skirts and pushing back her flying hair, he musn't get sick, 'cause he has to make all de sick peoples well. Is dere lots o' sick peoples dere?

Oh, a comfortable few; enough to keep my papa busy.

An' if your papa didn't took care o' dem dey'd all be dead?

Unquestionably; Wisconsin would become an unpeopled wilderness instanter.

An' if your mamma didn't took care your papa he might died, too, wouldn't he?

There is that painful possibility.

She heaved a satisfied sigh and smoothed down her skirts so as nearly to cover her knees. I'm glad your papa's a doctor, she said.

For why? Oh, so am I, so am I, sweet guest; never so glad as at this moment. And now, would it

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You very much, Wade, for very nice supper.

And thank you very much, Rinka, for a most delectable visit. She rocked a moment in silence. We're was you yesterday, she asked.

Oh, at church, and at Madame de Stael's, perhaps. Who's Madame Stael.

The belle of the village; Miss Percy Hathaway. I call her Madame de Stael because we talk so delightfully together in her salon.

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Afterward he took up a book, but found himself laughing gently every sentence or so. He threw it down and wrote a letter to his darling mother.

The next day Rinka was again at his door. I see that bell ringing has not yet palled upon your taste, little Rinka. He stood, polishing his glasses, while she tasted the joys of the electric button. Then she strode grandly in, and climbing into the rocker, began her favorite exercise. He sat near, book in hand.

Are you in your usual health and spirits after the revelries of yesterday?

She stopped rocking, knocked away the lock of hair from her eyes, and said, Is dat S'iddish?

No, Rinka mia; I haven't taken up Swedish, yet. I asked you if you were well.

Course; my mamma takes care o'me. W'y don' you got sick,

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Why'er-happily, I have a sanguine temperament, which, combined with the inherent resiliency of adolescence, prevents my falling an easy victim to cachetic conditions. He laughed softly at her vigorous winking.

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Another instance of the reversion of terms. Sweet damsel, I need the spider to cook my supper, in hence it takes precedence of the other—dishes. Again he seemed pained; when he paused for a word he generally picked up a boulder. Are you versed in the culinary art?

She made a soft fist and knocked the flying hair away from her eyes.

W'e do you keep'em?

Oh, stored in my capacious physique. But let us not treat such abstruse topics this afternoon; let us rather meet on a more comfortable basis. Do you go to school, little Rinka?

Nope; I didn't went till I'd be thix years old.

To be sure; I forgot. So, of course, you are not versed in literature and mathematics.

She rocked tranquilly; by-and-by she announced, I can count in S'iddish.

Indeed! Can you talk in Swedish, too?

Tain't in de sink.

Nor on the floor? with touchin' meekness.

Nope. Oh, here's it! Here's somepin' been a tow-yul, on de coal-scuttle.

She promptly and sweetly recited, En, tva, tre, fyra, fem, then.

The very weapon! There!

now we may each have half. How did I ever bitherto exist without you my newly risen star, and lynx eyed treasure? If I were fair one, in the sink; it may be lurking there!

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Wade had heard it before, but never with that delicious accent nor that adorable lisp. He shook with silent laughter, wiped his glasses, and then went off into another paroxysm.

Rinka rocked sturdily, until he had composed himself, then said austere: You laughin' at me?

And in a day or so further you'll be theven. Yet the years drag. If you were seventeen, now, I would marry you; but five, alack! too young, too young!

Oh, I'll wait for you! she said, reassuringly.

He laughed and laughed. My first accepted offer? Pardon my tears, dearest, famine seems to have rendered me maudlin.

Wat's in de paper? Shoshage? Cause I can fry shoshage?

Nay, it is but beefsteak, my own. Do your culinary attainments include the preparation of that comestible?

She winked both eyes a moment. Shall I make de spider?

She pulled some packages from her jacket pockets and presently had two small plates heaped with tiny biscuit, the result of much childish labor and ingenuity.

Ah! a fairy gift. Were these Lilliputian morsels shaped with your doll's thimble?

Dolls don't have fimbles. Didn't you had no nakkum.

Oh, I believe mamma did leave me a score or so. Might I have another of the quaint and dulcet biscuits?

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